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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0003] which appears at page 1 of the above patent application with the following paragraph:

a1 [0003] This patent application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/091,618, filed March 4, 2002, entitled METHODS TO PERFORM DISK WRITES IN A DISTRIBUTED SHARED DISK SYSTEM NEEDING CONSISTENCY ACROSS FAILURES, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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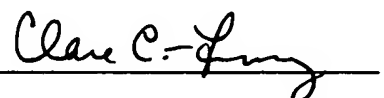

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